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AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Preliminary to the examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, please make the following amendments in the above-identified application in order to place it in condition for examination.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1 and 16 with the following amended claims:

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- 1 1. (Amended) A casing centraliser comprising an annular
 - 2 body, the annular body having a substantially cylindrical bore extending
 - 3 longitudinally therethrough, the annular body being formed from at least one
 - 4 material selected from the group consisting of plastic material, elastomeric
 - 5 material and rubber material, the substantially cylindrical bore being a clearance